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SUBJECT: FEDERAL PRESENCE IN BERLIN--GRAIN INSTITUTE TO
SEEK MORE GREEN PASTURES

REF: BORG-LEDSKY LETTER, MARCH 5, 1974

1. ACCORDING TO REPORT IN BERLINER MORGENPOST, JUNE 28,
FRG HAS DECIDED TO CONSOLIDATE FEDERAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
FOR GRAIN PROCESSING (BUNDESFORSCHUNGSANSTALT FUER
GETREIDEVERARBEITUNG) BY TRANSFERRING TO MAIN HEADQUARTERS
IN DETMOLD THOSE INSTITUTE OFFICES PRESENTLY LOCATED IN BERLIN.
DECISION WAS APPARENTLY JUSTIFIED BY FRG ON EMINENTLY PRACTICAL
GROUNDS, NAMELY THAT BERLIN OFFICES COULD NOT WORK AS
REALISTICALLY AS NECESSARY IN ABSENCE OF HINTERLAND. MORGEN-
POST REPORTS THAT THIS PLANNED MOVE HAD BEEN SUBJECT OF
LONG AND HARD NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SENAT AND FEDERAL
AGRICULTURAL MINISTRY, AND THAT FORMER GAVE ASSENT ONLY
AFTER FEDERAL AUTHORITIES AGREED TO EXPAND "CONSIDERABLY"
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FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICE IN BERLIN AND TO SUPPORT ESTABLISHMENT

OF INSTITUTE FOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY AT BERLIN'S TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY.

2. COMMENT: DESPITE SUCH EXPLANATIONS, TRANSFER OF GRAIN INSTITUTE OFFICES UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES INEVITABLY RINGS OF TRADE-OFF DESIGNED TO APPEASE SOVIETS AND GDR OVER PROXIMATE ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA IN BERLIN. MORGENPOST POINTS OUT THAT SUCH A STEP WOULD "BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH" EASTERN INTERPRETATION OF QA. MOREOVER, AS NOTED REF, HEAD OF SENAT CHANCELLERY HERZ MENTIONED TO MISSION OFFICER LAST FEBRUARY THAT SOVIETS HAD HINTED THEY MIGHT ACCEPT ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA IF SOME OTHER FEDERAL OFFICE WERE TO LEAVE BERLIN. REFERRING TO PROSPECTIVE CONSOLIDATION OF GRAIN INSTITUTE, HERZ SPECULATED THAT THIS MIGHT FIT IN WITH SOVIET SUGGESTION.KLEIN

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